

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

B1 1. (Amended) An electrode material for an anode of a rechargeable lithium battery, containing a particulate comprising an amorphous  $\text{Sn}\cdot\text{A}\cdot\text{X}$  alloy with a substantially non-stoichiometric ratio composition [ . (For), wherein in said formula  $\text{Sn}\cdot\text{A}\cdot\text{X}$ , A indicates at least one kind of an element selected from [a] the group consisting of transition metal elements, X indicates at least one kind of an element selected from [a] the group consisting of O, F, N, Mg, Ba, Sr, Ca, La, Ce, Si, Ge, C, P, B, Bi, Sb, Al, In, and Zn, where the element X is [not always necessary to be contained. The] optionally present and the content of the constituent element Sn of the amorphous  $\text{Sn}\cdot\text{A}\cdot\text{X}$  alloy is  $\text{Sn}/(\text{Sn} + \text{A} + \text{X}) = 20 \text{ to } 80 \text{ atomic\%}$ . [ ) ]

Remarks

Claim 1 has been amended to resolve minor informalities. No new matter has been added. Consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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